GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT
LOK SABHA

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:13
ANSWERED ON:25.04.2016
Survey on Achievement of Students
Tanwar Shri Kanwar Singh

Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether the National Council of Educational Research and Training (NCERT) has recently conducted any survey about the learning achievement of the student of class X and if so, the details thereof;

(b) whether the students of most of the States and Union territories have performed below average in the said survey;

(c) if so, the details thereof along with the reasons therefor; and

(d) the steps being taken or proposed to be taken by the Government to address this issue?

Answer

MINISTER OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT
(SMT. SMRITI ZUBIN IRANI)

(a) The National Council of Educational Research and Training (NCERT) conducted National Achievement Survey (NAS) under the project titled "Assessment of Learning Levels of Students at Secondary Stage (Class X)". The survey was based on data collected from 31 States/UTs and 2 National Boards in the country during February-March, 2015.

(b) & (c) Out of the States/UTs surveyed, the performance of seventeen in English, twenty-one in Mathematics, twenty-four in Science, nineteen each in Social Science and Modern Indian Language was found to be low vis-a-vis the average national achievement. The reasons identified by the survey for poor performance of the students include:

77% of the schools across the country not having full complement of subject specialist teachers to teach classes IX & X, teacher appraisal and school performance monitoring not linked to classroom teaching, frequency of absence of students, engagement of teachers on ad hoc/contract basis etc.

(d) The findings of the NAS Survey are communicated to the States/UTs, so that they can take up necessary action for improvement of quality of education at secondary stage. The States are also encouraged to conduct State Level Achievement Surveys to obtain district-level and regional-level feedback. The Survey findings are used for devising quality improvement programmes under the centrally sponsored scheme Rashtriya Madhyamik Shiksha Abhiyan (R.M.S.A.). A nationwide subprogramme of Sarva Shiksha Abhiyan (SSA), Padhe Bharat Badhe Bharat (PBBB) has been launched on 26th August, 2014 to ensure quality at the foundational year of schooling, i.e. classes I & II.
******